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## Teleconference between Defense Minister Kono and U.S. Defense Secretary Esper

On May 15, Defense Minister Kono held a telephone conference with U.S. Defense Secretary Esper, where the Ministers exchanged views on the response to COVID-19, the situations in the Indo-Pacific region including North Korea, and various issues regarding cooperation with USFJ.